protection of forests. Some of these guidelines are as given below :—

(i) To avoid felling of natural forests and where such fellings are inevitable for restoration of crop or other silvicultural considerations, it should be restricted to an area not exceeding 10 hectares in the hills and 25 hectares in the plains.

(ii) To consider banning of felling of green trees in the hills above 1000 metres, at least for some years.

(iii) To set a part 4% of geographiacl area as protected area under Wildlife Sanctuaries, National Parks, and Biosphere reserves.

(7) The Central Government have also been encouraging wood substitution by suitable alternative materials in packing cases, railway sleepers, furniture, furniture, and construction works.

(8) A massive programme of afforestation is being pursued under 20 Point Programme.

Instructions for Restrictions on Industrial and Urban Activities

7. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently issued any instructions for preventing declaration of industrial and urban activities in the prime areas on the periphery of Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have received any representation from the Government of Haryana for the exemption of Gurgaon from environment restrictions;

(d) if so, what are the details;

(e) what action Government have taken in the matter;

(f) whether Government have issued any specific guidelines to States on environment protection; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(g) what has been the response of the State Governments in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) to (g) A gazette notification proposing to regulate such activities as mining, industrial operations, cutting of trees, grazing of cattle, construction of clusters of dwelling units and electrification etc. in identified areas in the Gurgaon district of Haryana and Alwar district of Rajasthan was issued on 9th January 1992. ,

Comments were solicited and received from Government of Haryana and others. Apprehensions were expressed that development of the area would be adversely affected eading to unemployment and loss of revenue etc. After detaied discussions with the State Government of Haryana and Rajasthan, Industrial Associations, Non-Governmental Organisations and individuals, the notifications was finalised by incorporating modifications and issued on 7th May 1992 for implementations. No additional guidelines have been issued to the two states.

Death of Black Bucks in Delhi Zoo

8. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have ordered a probe into the death of 21 black bucks in Delhi Zoo recently ;

(b) if so, whether any preliminary investigations have been conducted into the deaths of black bucks ;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the probe is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir, Detailed enquiry has been completed.

(c) and (d) Deaths of 21 black bucks on 8th and 9th June, 1992 was the result of stray dogs stealthily entering into the enclosure and chasing the black bucks. Disciplinary action has been initiated against the persons responsible for the security lapse. Preventive measures have been initiated to avoid recurrence.

Environmental Aspects of the Konkan Railway Line

9. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN:
SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted a committee of experts to examine the question of environmental aspects relating to the proposed Konkan Railway Line passing through Maharashtra, Goa and Karnataka; and

(b) if so, what are its terms of reference and the likely date for submission of the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The terms of reference of the Committee are to examine environmental aspects including Socio-cultural heritage relating to the proposed Konkan Railway Line. The likely date for submission of the report is 3rd September, 1992.

Setting up of Planet Protection Fund

10. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the recently held U.N. Conference on Environment and Development at Rio De Janeiro, India had proposed for setting up of a Planet Protection Fund to help buy environment-friendly technologies worldwide and make them available free of cost to any country seeking access to them; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) At the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Rio De Janeiro in June, 1992, it was proposed that the setting up of the Planet Protection Fund, which was originally mooted by India at the Ninth Non-aligned Summit held in Belgrade in September, 1989, should be considered seriously for purchasing and making available environment-friendly technologies around the world to any country seeking access to them.

Earth Summit at Rio

11. SHRI GOPALSING G. SOLANKI:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the achievements of Earth Summit held in Rio De Janeiro, which began in the first week of June, 1992; and

(b) what was India's contribution to the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The major achievements of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held at Rio de Janeiro in June, 1992, include an increased awareness and understanding of environment and development as inter-related concerns and of the need for common understanding in tackling these concerns. The Conference has helped in bringing about a clearer understanding of the overall problems faced by the developing countries and of the need for global strategies to address issues to bring about a fair and equitable international order.

There has also been a recognition of the concept of the 'right to development' in the specific context of environmental issues. It has been agreed that socio-economic